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April 23, 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR, CIA RECONNAISSANCE PROGRAM

SUBJECT: General R&D (Aircraft) Activities for FY-68

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This is in response to your memorandum of September 5, 1967 in which you listed five R&D Activities which you felt should be initiated this fiscal year.

The first two R&D Activities, Induced Drag Reduction and High Altitude Engine Relight, if successfully carried out, could be of benefit to our reconnaissance program; the first of which has already been implemented. Accordingly, the second, High Altitude Engine Relight, is approved and the FY-68 General R&D (Aircraft) funding approval is hereby increased by

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In accordance with the ExCom decision, relative to the FY-1969 budget program, funding for studies of advanced aircraft and other highly invulnerable quick-reaction reconnaissance systems is provided in that fiscal year. Specific technology efforts for such advanced systems were not approved pending completion of the studies. Therefore, elements of Items 3 and 4 of your memorandum should be included in the plan for studies of advanced systems in FY-1969. Submittal of your study plan before the beginning of FY-1969 will permit early approval.

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Item 5 of your memorandum, cryogenic fuel technology for application to subsonic, high-altitude aircraft, is subject to further consideration in light of ongoing and planned Air Force and NASA work in this area. I would suggest that your staff review this matter with Mr. Joe Jones, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force. R&D.

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